



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Wiscomb

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners & Staff Present**

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb (Chair)  
Commissioner Mark Rincon-Ibarra (Vice-Chair)  
Commissioner Ed Cavazos  
Commissioner Nichol Clark  
Commissioner LeeAnne French (Arrived at 4:18 pm)  
Commissioner Jim Heaton  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner LeeAnne French  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Parks Manager, Santos Escobar  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Executive Assistant Karla Megill  
Administrative Analyst Mandy Burgess  
Planning Intern Alina Werth

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER:** The Commission welcomed Commissioner Cavazos.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Longstreet attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meeting and Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commission Rincon-Ibarra attended the NAC meeting and the Special Joint Meeting with the Creeks Advisory Committee.

Chair Wiscomb said that she and Commissioner Longstreet attended the City Council meeting on July 28th to speak in support of Option A for the Golf Course. She and Commissioner Longstreet were present at the VIP section of the Children's Fiesta Parade. Ms. Wiscomb attended the Golf Advisory Committee and briefed the Commission on revenue and rounds. She attended the PARC Foundation meeting and the Joint meeting with the Creeks Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission meeting regarding Cabrillo Bathhouse and Pavilion. Ms. Wiscomb also attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** The Commission acknowledged Ms. Megill's retirement and expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Department and her work with the Commission.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

The Commission received this item; there were no questions.

2. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special joint meeting with the Golf Advisory Committee of June 15, 2015; and the regular meeting of July 22, 2015.

**Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra, and passed 5/0/1 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2015.**

**Absent: French      Abstained: Cavazos**

#### **STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 26, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Members of the Public: Item 3C(2) – Heidi Jones, Susan Elledge Planning & Permitting Services; Ms. Charlene Little; Ms. Claudia Sobel; Robert Koalman; Cindy Feinberg

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 136 San Rafael Ave. – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum – Nick and Tara Svensson

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

**Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation for the removal and replacement at 136 San Rafael Avenue.**

**Absent: French**

- B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 3616 San Pablo Ln. – *Fraxinus uhdei*, Shamel Ash – Catherine Carbon

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

**Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation for the removal and replacement of the Setback Tree removal request at 3616 San Pablo Lane.**

**Absent: French**

- C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:
1. 419 Calle Alamo – (1) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine, (1) *Schinus molle*, California Pepper, and (1) *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook Pine – Las Palmas Landscape

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

**Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and recommendation for 419 Calle Alamo for the removal of the Cook Pine.**

2. 1187 Coast Village Rd.– (3) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pines – Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

**Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and passed 7/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to remove the two canary island pines on the east end and retain the pine on the west end and replace with one *Brachychiton acerifolius*.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

4. A History of Trees in Five of Santa Barbara's Oldest Parks – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the research to develop a history of the trees in East and West Alameda Plazas, Upper and Lower Orpet Parks, Plaza del Mar, Plaza Vera Cruz, and Mission Historical Park.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 26, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Administrative Analyst Mandy Burgess; Planning Intern Alina Werth

The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 5. Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission consider the appointment of advisory committee liaisons.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 26, 2015

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

The Commission reviewed advisory committee liaisons. The updated list is below. Changes are identified by bold, italic text.

Advisory Committee	Liaison
Arts and Crafts Show	LeeAnne French
Creeks Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Program Citizen	Jim Heaton
*Front Country Trails Task Group	Beebe Longstreet/Jim Heaton
Golf Course	Lesley Wiscomb
Integrated Pest Management	Nichol Clark
Neighborhood Advisory Council	Beebe Longstreet/Mark Rincon-Ibarra
Park & Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation	Lesley Wiscomb/ <b><i>Nichol Clark</i></b>
Street Tree	Lesley Wiscomb
Youth Council	<b><i>Ed Cavazos</i></b>

## NEW BUSINESS

### 6. Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for the Douglas Family Preserve Trails Restoration Project – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program for the Douglas Family Preserve Trails Restoration Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 26, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Associate Planner Kathy Frye
- Members of the Public: Wayne Norris; Steve Crosby

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

**Commission Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon and passed 7/0 to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program for the Douglas Family Preserve Trails Restoration Project.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:57 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary  
Acting Parks & Recreation Director